

IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD

WOMEN AND GIRL WORKERS IN LOCAL CANNERIES LOOKED AFTER

Tour of Pineapple Establishments Shows Employees Well Cared For

FROM A PERSONAL INVESTIGATION.

Having read so many of the articles in the Eastern papers about child labor, when I heard that children were employed in one of the local pineapple canneries I immediately set out on a tour of inspection for a real "yellow story." But a tramp over the three acres of land covered by this cannery revealed not one of the sallow-faced, sorry-eyed children so often presented before the gaze of the readers of the Sunday supplement.

If all of the girls and women who work in factories and canneries had all of the comforts as have those who are employed by the Hawaiian Pineapple Company, the newspapers and good people who are continually striving for the betterment of the conditions that surround the majority of working girls would have practically nothing to do. There are probably two hundred or more girls and women working side by side, and among them are representatives of almost every nationality that has invaded this cosmopolitan city. There are girls fourteen or fifteen years of age, and women whose hair is well streaked with white. Still, not one of them looked discontented; even the children seemed to prefer the sorting of pineapples to a game of tag. The fruit is peeled, cored, sliced and sized by machines; then, as it comes out of the slicer, girls and women grade and can it. The best fruit is put in cans bearing a certain mark, and the second and third grades are put in others, according to grade.

Conveniences for Workers.

There is no crowding among the

workers, and each of them is provided with an individual seat. They are also provided with rubber gloves. These not only protect the hands from the acid in the fruit, but also aid in the cleanliness that pervades the cannery. There is not a speck of dirt to be found anywhere; there is no trash on the floors, and not even a trace of the work that has been done the day before except in the warehouse, where, as a little child might say, there are "a thousand million" tins of canned fruit.

Must Have Quick Eyes.
The workers at the sorting tables need to have quick eyes, for only the perfect fruit is put in the tins, and if in any of the machines a piece is chipped off the slice, that slice is sent on to the crusher or grater. The crushed and grated fruit is sent to the soda fountain for use there.

In this cannery there is not a particle of waste, for every part of the fruit, from the skin to the core, is utilized. The cores are sliced and shipped to the mainland, where they are used in the candy factories, usually coated with chocolate. The skins and juice refuse are burned and sold for fertilizing purposes.

The girls and women have nothing to do with this sort of work, as it is done by machinery. It is only during the "rush" months that there are so many employees, only a few of them being kept the whole year round. The managers have each season to turn away many children who beg for employment but who are really too young to work. Many of the girls here, however, are far better off and happier when employed in this manner than they would be if allowed to run the streets during the summer months. None of them have that worn, tired look that invades the faces of most factory girls; they are all healthy and

smiling. Their earnings probably go toward the support of the family, but they look as though a good share of it were invested in food. The different types of girls employed there would make a good subject for a photographer. The beauties, however, are mostly Hawaiians and Chinese.

There are two methods employed in preparing the fruit at the cannery. The one that has been described is quite old, but the other is a more recent invention and is indeed wonderful. The ends of the pines are removed by hand; then they are peeled, cored and sized so quickly that to the unaccustomed eye it seems as though it were done at one time. As soon as the pine comes out of this machine it is sliced, and then goes through the same process as the fruit treated by the former method.

Children in Schools Need Attention Now

Of the 20,000,000 school children in this country, not less than 75 per cent need attention today for physical defects which are prejudicial to health and which are partially or completely remediable. This is the finding of Dr. Thomas D. Wood, professor of physical education in the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, and published for free distribution by the United States Bureau of Education.

"Careful study of statistics and estimation of all conditions leads to the following personal conclusions," writes Dr. Wood:

"From 1 to 2 per cent, or 400,000 of these have organic heart disease. "Probably 5 per cent, 1,000,000 at least, have now or have had tuberculous disease of the lungs. "About 5 per cent, or 1,000,000, have spinal curvature, flat foot, or some other moderate deformity serious enough to interfere to some degree with health. "Over 5 per cent, of 1,000,000 have defective hearing. "About 25 per cent, or 5,000,000, have defective vision. "About 25 per cent, of 5,000,000, are suffering from malnutrition, in many cases due in part at least to one or more of the other defects enumerated. "Over 30 per cent, or 6,000,000, have enlarged tonsils, adenoids, or enlarged cervical glands which need attention. "Over 50 per cent, or 10,000,000 (in some schools as high as 85 per cent), have defective teeth which are interfering with health. "Several millions of the children possess, each, two or more of the handicapping defects. "About 100 cities in the United States have as many different kinds of organizations for the care of health in the schools. "The most important of all our national resources is the health of the people. The most valuable asset in our capital of national vitality is the health of the children. "Public education is the logical, the strategic, and the responsible agency of the Nation, of each State, and of each community for the conservation and enhancement of child health. "To become an effective instrument for the protection and promotion of child health, it is essential that the

RECREATIONS

FERRIS HARTMAN CO. TO OPEN IN "ONE NIGHT OFF"

The Ferris Hartman Opera Co. left San Francisco Sunday on the China and are due here Friday morning. They will open Saturday evening at the opera house in the musical comedy "One Night Off." This gives Mr. Hartman a great chance, as it is one of his star parts.

The ticket sale opened at the Hawaii promotion rooms yesterday for the first week's attractions. "One Night Off" will be played Saturday, Aug. 24th, and Monday, Aug. 26th. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Aug. 27th, 28th and 29th, the great musical comedy on college life will be given—"The Campus." Friday, Saturday afternoon and evening, Aug. 30th and 31st, "Mr. O. Joy" will hold the boards.

Jones Blevis, 80 years old, of Hartler, Ky., married for the sixth time. This time it was a 13-year-old girl.

school should not only be a sanitary healthful place for children, but that the various agencies in public education should be so organized that each child may be given the best possible opportunity to escape weakness and disease and far more to realize the attainable best in growth, in development of biologic, intellectual, moral, social, and economic power.

A. L. C. ATKINSON MAKES REPORT

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be more to blame than my ex-political pal—Lincoln Holstein."

Later, telling of meetings of the Provisional National Committee, Atkinson has this to say:

"Honey, Medill McCormick, Cecil Lyon and others, mostly southerners, bitterly attacked the idea of allowing any representation at all to Hawaii, Alaska, the Philippines, Porto Rico and the District of Columbia. So much heat was stirred up that I feared the result. However, Governor Carey of Wyoming was my strongest champion. He was backed up by James R. Garfield and Senator Dixon and a number of others."

Atkinson then goes on to tell of how he placed before the committee the arguments that Hawaii was the only remaining territory with self-government established had a right to representation, and that finally, Hawaii, Alaska and the District of Columbia were put on the temporary roll-call with no votes until their status was settled by the rules committee.

Knocked Up With Boss Flinn.
One illuminating paragraph says: "You would have been surprised at the way our friend, Bill Flinn, backed us up. He was a trump and waxed quite hot over the matter." Flinn is the Pennsylvania boss who has joined forces with the Bull Moose party.

Further on in his report Atkinson says: "I jumped on Honey's collar after the meeting and told him that he was the last man from whom I expected ingratitude, especially as our Hawaiian delegation supported his con-

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tentions in the last convention, in relation to California's contest."

Taking up the story of the fight for representation in the convention itself, beginning on Monday, August 5, Atkinson reports:

The convention opened at noon and elected temporary officers. Committees were appointed, and I was selected on the rules, platform and notification committees.

Albert J. Beveridge's speech consumed the greater part of the afternoon. I enclose copy of same as part of this report, commending it particularly to you, the members of the party and to the people in general. It was a really great speech. You will find much good material in it.

The rules committee had a short meeting after the convention; then we adjourned until 8 o'clock in the evening.

The rules, I doubt, do not interest you much, except our rule as to representation throughout the United States based upon Representatives, Senators and units of 5000 votes.

We also agreed upon a rule to prevent the old national committee from having any control over the temporary roll at the next convention; but the "fireworks" did not commence until the question came up of representation of the Territories, insular possessions and the District of Columbia. It seemed to me that 80 or 90 per cent of the committee were against giving us even a seat in the convention, much less the right to vote. However, we threshed the matter out for over four hours that night, over twenty speaking against allowing us any representation at all. I could see where Ray Stannard Baker's articles had been thoroughly read and digested; attacks were notably directed against Hawaii. The charges against us, apart from our having no electoral votes, was that we were not developing that country along traditional lines, because of our cheap labor, using Japanese and Filipinos for development, and that only a few men owned everything. It did seem unjust that I, of all men, should have to bear the brunt of such charges, when I have been doing so much to remedy above conditions, constantly working along lines to correct our evils. However, I showed them how much advance we have made since annexation, what we developed from working through the Board of Immigration, and showed them results obtained in assisting the white immigrant to develop and settle in Hawaii to take the place of Oriental cheap labor. Governor Otero and Governor Curry came boldly to our support on the territorial question. A Mr. Hamilton, from Montana, who once visited Honolulu, also spoke in our favor, telling them that good loyal Americans we have there. He seemed much impressed with American development in Hawaii. He was merely a visitor to Honolulu, and this shows the value of entertaining all guests in one's home.

I played the game all along the line, and did my very best, but I fear, with no result. California opposed me bitterly. I retorted most kindly and gave them the neat thrust about "ingratitude," but with the utmost kindness and in a gentlemanly manner, because I hoped to get their support. But what a lot of educating I had to do about the question of insular possessions, noncontiguous territory, and territories in general. The members of the committee would insist on classifying us with the insular possessions. I particularly made a nuisance of myself, however, in resenting such classification of the Territory of Hawaii. I merely did it to educate the members of the committee. I got a laugh from the committee generally; and after repeating it about a dozen times, they seemed to realize the difference between a full-fledged Territory and an insular possession. A motion, however, was finally carried that night, giving Hawaii, District of Columbia and Alaska a seat in the convention, but without a vote. Immediately after the meeting I got hold of Medill McCormick and Mr. O'Laughlin and brought them over to the Blackstone, where we threshed the thing all over again—until long after midnight. Mr. McCormick is chairman of the rules committee. I think we reached a better understanding. Respectfully,
A. L. C. ATKINSON.

This closes the report, but Hawaii's representation was not definitely settled until a day or two later, when the convention finally gave this Territory a delegate in the convention with a vote and a national committeeman without a vote, as already told in special cabled news to the Star-Bulletin.

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